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## DICK COMBS

### Named as the Man Who Shot Goebel.

The following from the Courier Journal is a brief statement of the alleged confession of Sergt. F. W. Golden:

Tallow Dick Combs, a mulatto of Perry county, and a former partisan in the French-Eversole feud, is said to have been named to the attorneys for the Commonwealth as the man who shot Gov. Goebel. Sergt. F. W. Golden, of Barboursville, who has turned State's evidence and who is now at Winchester, is said to have given the name. Combs, along with other negroes, was among the mountaineers brought to Frankfort and he was boarded near the Statehouse. His board money was sent over from the Statehouse. Among the receipts found on W. H. Coulton, one of the men arrested for conspiracy, was one for money paid Bettie Pittman for the board of Combs and others. The assassin of Gov. Goebel is said to be in the mountains, and Attorney Campbell says it would require an army to arrest him unless county officers gave aid. The cases of Powers, Davis and Coulton were called at Frankfort yesterday, but were postponed till Friday. More details of the conspiracy have come to light. It was first intended to kill Goebel by asphyxiation, but plans were changed. The assassin used a steel bullet. The bullet is in possession of the Commonwealth.

## TWO WEEKS YET

### Before Court of Appeals Acts.

The decision of Judge Fields on the gubernatorial contest cases, which was in favor of the Democrats, now goes before the State Court of Appeals, and it is given out that that Court will not decide the case for two weeks yet, and possibly three. It appears to be believed both by Democrats and Republicans, that the decision of the Court of Appeals will be in favor of the Democrats. But of this no one knows or can tell, until that decision is regularly rendered and announced. The Democrats hold that all contention ought to cease, and all claimants ought to accept the Court's decision; and a great many believe such will be the result. Others think the Supreme Court of the United States will take cognizance and interfere. There is however a very general opinion that no U. S. Court will assume such jurisdiction.

### TAYLOR'S APPEAL FOR FEDERAL FORCE.

#### Wasting Time.

[Cincinnati Com. Tribune, Rep.] It is inconceivable that Gov. Taylor and the Republican leaders should waste time in the fruitless endeavor to induce Federal interference in the Kentucky muddle. There is nothing for the National Administration to do in Kentucky save to preserve order in case of riot beyond State control.

### McKinley Has Troubles of His Own.

[Detroit Tribune, Ind. Rep.] We would suggest to Mr. Taylor, of Kentucky, that Mr. McKinley has a few troubles of his own just now.

#### Time Wasted.

[Indianapolis Press, Ind.] So Gov. Taylor is going to memorialize President McKinley and ask his aid. Wasted effort. The President has troubles of his own, and this is his busy day!

#### War Still On.

Maj. Gen. Otis has been forced to admit that the situation in the Philippines is not as satisfactory as previous dispatches have indicated. The insurgent junta is busy and the center of its operations is Manila. A number of representative insurgent leaders have recently been holding conferences in Manila. Some of them have been arrested. Filibusters are active, and several expeditions have been intercepted. The rebels are reorganizing in all parts of Luzon, in some places attacking the Americans, in other places pillaging the country. In North Luzon the municipal officers are deserting, and travel between the garri-soned towns is dangerous. Ambuscades are frequent and casualties common.

### Notice to Creditors.

Houston & Liggett, of the Hickman Handle Co., will be in Hickman about March 27th, and all parties having claims against Hickman Handle Co., will please present them to Houston & Liggett who will settle all just claims. Yours Truly, HOUSTON & LIGGETT.

THE TENN. DEM. STATE CONVENTION meets in Nashville, May 10.

THERE is a surplus of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars in the U. S. treasury, as a result of bond sales and war taxes, but there is no talk of repaying any of the war taxes, and the river and harbor bill is likely to be thrown into the waste basket.

## LOCAL NEWS.

The waiter girl knew a thing or two about table etiquette, so she snifted scornfully as she said: "It's not our custom to serve a knife with pie." "No?" remarked the patron in surprise, "then bring me an axe."

The West Tennessee Sunday School Convention will assemble at Dyersburg, Tenn., April 11th, and gives promise of being a very excellent meeting. The Dyersburg Baptists are especially anxious to have a full attendance, and they will entertain all who go.

A walk past the parti-colored panorama exhibited by the show windows will reveal the fact that the "styles" this year are very varied, and very handsome. And when arrayed in all their magnificence woman-kind will look like perfect birds of paradise.

Scene, Street Corner—Man with bad squint bumps up against man who is going the other way.

The Bumper—Can't you look where you are going?

The Bumper—Why the deuce can't you go where you are looking?

An Oklahoma girl who advertised for a husband got him. The total expense for the advertisement and wedding outfit amounted to \$11, and within a year her husband died, leaving a life insurance of \$3,000. And still some people claim it does not pay to advertise.

Particularly pretty are the new spring hats. They are fearfully and wonderfully made, light as a feather, as gay as some flowers, chiffon, ribbon lace and leaves, all put together with the magic fingers of French millinery, beautiful to behold and bewitchingly becoming to the pretty young faces they will surmount.

A Missouri paper tells of a school house janitor who, worried because he was asked to find so many lost articles, resigned his job because one morning he found written plainly on the blackboard the following request: "Find the common multiple" and the next day "Find the greatest common divisor."

Some few years ago a general movement was inaugurated against the habit of wearing high hats in the theatre. One or two States passed laws forbidding the wearing of high hats in places of public amusement. But public opinion has accomplished what all the legislation could not effect, and it is a rare exception to the rule to see a woman wearing a hat that obstructs the view. Even in the theatres of the very small towns. The change has taken place within the past five years. The nuisance had become intolerable, and public opinion forced a remedy.

Some two or three years ago a report went the rounds of the papers of the State that the old-time bluebirds had left Kentucky for good, that none of them had been seen for a long while, and that it was supposed that they had been driven out by the English sparrow. How much there was in this report may, perhaps, never be known, but it is reported from different portions of the State that the bluebirds have returned in great numbers this spring, and are making the fields merry with their old-time tunes. The robins have also come in great numbers, and their happy notes from wood and dale sound as if winter was over and springtime was near at hand.

The river editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal says that efforts, made promise to be successful, are being made by the merchants, manufacturers and business men generally, including steamboat owners and boatmen generally, here and elsewhere, to induce Congress to improve low-water navigation on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers by means of movable jetties. This is a matter of vital importance to the people living along the banks of the Ohio river. The bottom of the river from Louisville to Cairo is flat, and soft shifting sand, and the bars and shoal places which develop during low-water seasons can be quickly removed and remedied at a trifling cost by the use of these jetties, and all the year round navigation may be enjoyed.

### Banker Rout a Robber.

J. R. Garrison, Cashier of the bank of Thorntown, Ohio, had been robbed of \$10,000 by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with Coughs, Colds, or any Throat, Chest or Lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

### The Governing Caste.

From present indications the Republican National Convention of 1900 will present for the first time in American history the spectacle of a dominant party, absolutely under the control of class influences, demanding the renomination of a man who has satisfactorily proved his faithfulness to caste interests.

There is no Republican in public life to-day who dares enter the lists against William McKinley or openly oppose his leadership of the party. There are many who condemn his policies and fear their evil effect upon American institutions. They know well, however, at any attempt at a combination against him will be instantly crushed by the tremendous power arrayed behind him, and that the man directing such a movement will be discredited and forced from public life.

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## REPUBLICAN BLUNDERS.

### Brightening Democratic Prospects.

Washington, March 20.—Within the past three months the Republicans in Congress have supplied their Democratic friends with material which, if it does not defeat them in the coming campaign, at least furnishes good cause for happy Democratic prospects. The blunders of the Administration have put the Democrats in a joyful frame of mind, and it is hard to find a member of Congress on the Democratic side who will not tell you that the prospects for a Democratic victory are brighter now than they even dared to hope some time ago. Many are bold enough in their belief to assert positively that Hon. W. J. Bryan will be elected President, while others are confident that the chances for Democratic victory are infinitely better than they were in 1896.

Some time has been spent in testing the opinion of Democrats here in regard to the great change of political sentiment which has spread over the whole United States from ocean to ocean within the past three months. It is not intended to say in this article that the Democrats will be victorious in the coming fight, and no prediction at this early date in that direction is assumed, but it is intended to point out the patent fact that the administration has made many grievous mistakes which enhance to a great degree and make possible, even probable, that a Democratic President and a Democratic House of Representatives may be elected.

#### THEIR WEAKNESSES

Secretary Long, who is in love with the ship trust.

Secretary Chase, who is enamored of the money trust and a friend to some of his pet banks.

Secretary Alger, who was stunk out by the beef inquiry.

Secretary Hay, who seemingly, longs to be in "dear old London."

With the battered armor the Republican party certainly cannot hope for the unqualified success which they thought was theirs some months ago.

There are new issues in the campaign. The money question, which has practically taken the money question out of the fight. While it will, of course, be mentioned on the stump, it will not be a live issue, by reason of the fact that the Senate will certainly be Republican for four or six years to come, and no fears by the gold democrats can be entertained by the election of Mr. Bryan for a term of four years. The questions of trusts and expansion will lead in the list. As yet it cannot be truthfully said that either party has a defined position on the expansion question, as they agree to some extent, but within the next three months this issue will be fully defined in the party platforms, and the fight will be on. In the meantime, democrats here feel that they have just cause to congratulate themselves on the turn affairs have taken.

#### MINISTER AND EDITOR.

The opinions of ministers regarding the experiment which the Reverend Mr. Sheldon has been conducting in Topeka showed reflection and reasoning on the subject and prove the great interest taken in the experiment.

Despite the fact that these opinions run the gamut from hearty approval to severe condemnation, they show a sympathetic appreciation of the difficulties of newspaper making and an unexpected knowledge of the function of the newspaper.

There is no doubt that the project of the Reverend Mr. Sheldon has led men of the cloth the world over to ponder on and discuss the newspaper in general and that this reflection and discussion have brought the conclusion that the modern newspaper of the first-class has fewer faults than would appear to the unthinking. The critical study which these men gave the finished product turned out by Mr. Sheldon has confirmed them in their conclusions.

Mr. Sheldon's effort has also caused newspaper men to note the ideas and demands of the class for which Mr. Sheldon stands.

Broader views on both sides have been the chief result of the experiment of Mr. Sheldon. Its value should not be underestimated.

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## THE CUT AND DRIED CONVENTIONS.

### McKinley Will be the Republican Nominee

### And Bryan the Democratic Nominee.

The Republican National Convention at Philadelphia will nominate McKinley for President and the Democratic National Convention at Kansas City will as surely nominate Bryan for their standard bearer. This much seems certain as to the nominees, but as to the platforms of the two parties whilst each will reaffirm allegiance to past declarations, there is much evidence that the platforms will not be exactly the same.

On the money question the Republican platform in 1896 placed stress upon securing international bimetalism, it is expected that this year their alignment will be more strictly to the single gold-standard idea.

With the Democrats in 1896, free silver, independent of all nations, was the great battle cry, it is expected that they will reaffirm their conviction of the truth of the contention, but admit that it is now impossible of attainment and therefore no longer a leading or important issue.

The great weight of the campaign will be upon the policy of our government toward the new possessions resulting from the war with Spain.

It is clear that the Democratic position will be in favor of the expansion of our trade, commerce and business, but that the best policy to accomplish these results will be by freer or free trade, and the gradual assimilation of these people to our institutions, extending to them and over them the blessing of the constitution of our common country—a policy of friendship and conciliation rather than of taxation and military power.

The Republicans will seek to claim all the glory of a successful war, the holding of these people through military power as our possessions and levying tariff taxes upon, with-holding the same and protection of our position, on the grounds that competition from the products of these islands will injure the price of products at home and that they should be so held until Congress or the Administration shall deem them worthy, &c.

Many leading Republicans are outspoken in approval of the Democratic position, and vice versa, some Democratic leaders agree with the Republicans. The Trust issue will also be of prominence. Both parties will declare against Trusts; but the advantage will be with the Democrats, from the fact that the Republicans have the power and nothing is done to break them up or lessen their power, and the Democrats at least promise to try certain remedies.

What will become of the Gold Democrats, who in 1896, supported Palmer and Buckner, and some McKinley? Many of these will remain in the Republican party; but there are many others who, disappointed as to reforming the Democratic party to their idea, rushed headlong with the Republicans who now find that the Republican party does not reform or conform to their idea, and hence a great many of them have come back and are co-operating with their own party—the Democrats.

#### The School Per Capita.

The pernicious influence of politics on school affairs bids fair to be exemplified again the coming school year. Year before last the State per capita was \$2.30, we believe. Last year being the year for the election of State official, State Superintendent Davidson raised the per capita to \$2.70 per pupil. There was nothing in the financial situation to justify this and it was done solely for political effect as showing what the Republican party was doing for the school. There was not enough money in the school fund to pay this amount, but it had to be done, and a big deficit comes over to be met this year, thus reducing the per capita below what it would otherwise be. The Republicans are not the only sinners in this respect, as the last Democratic superintendent did the same thing on the eve of election, raising the per capita to \$2.80 and leaving a big deficit for his Republican successor. Political dishonesty in any form is bad enough, but the schools should not suffer on that account.—Winchester Democrat.

The per capita for schools is \$2.70 for the year ending June 30, 1900. It is now supposed that it will drop to \$2.40 for the next year because there is not enough money to pay the \$2.70 out of the present year's fund. The large advances and depressions are unfortunate for the teachers and all other persons connected with the schools.—Lincoln Co. Democrat.